

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Sergeant Christopher J. Babin.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Army National Guard Sergeant Christopher J. Babin upon his death in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

WHEREAS, it is with the deepest regret and most profound sorrow that the Senate has learned of the tragic death in combat of Sergeant Babin; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Babin was a native of Chauvin and entered military service when he was only 17 years old; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Babin thrived on the discipline of military life and had served in the National Guard for ten years; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Babin had distinguished himself during his decade with the National Guard, rising through the enlisted ranks because of his skills, leadership abilities, and his sheer determination; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Babin was a loving husband and father to his wife, Lydia, and 9-month-old son, Mikhael, and will remain forever young in their hearts and will be greatly missed by them as they face the challenges of a life spent without him; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Babin always placed the needs of his fellow soldiers as well as his country's needs, ahead of his, despite a wife, a child, parents, and friends who waited

1 for him back home in Louisiana and the promise of a full life ahead of him; and

2 WHEREAS, Sergeant Babin's main concern during his tour with Charlie Company,
3 2nd Battalion, 156th Mechanized Infantry Regiment, 256th Brigade Combat Team was to
4 insure that all his men returned home safely; and

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant Babin and his men were given the mission of supporting the
6 86th Infantry Regiment in an area of operations north of Baghdad, near the small Iraqi town
7 of Taji; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Babin, age 27, was on patrol with his squad on January 6,
9 2005, when their Bradley fighting vehicle was destroyed by an improvised explosive device
10 detonated by enemy forces in a roadside ambush outside Baghdad; and

11 WHEREAS, Sergeant Babin and six other National Guard soldiers riding in the
12 armored vehicle were mortally wounded in the attack, marking the deadliest day for a single
13 National Guard unit so far in the Iraqi Theater of Operations; and

14 WHEREAS, six of the seven soldiers killed were from Louisiana, making the toll the
15 largest single loss of life among Louisiana troops since the Korean War; and

16 WHEREAS, while the loss of Sergeant Babin and his comrades was almost more
17 than his family and friends could endure, it rallied citizens around Louisiana in support of
18 the National Guard's gallant efforts and sacrifices in the war on terror and the liberation of
19 Iraq.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heart felt condolences from a
22 grateful state and nation to the family upon the death of United States Army National Guard
23 Sergeant Christopher J. Babin for fighting America's enemies in a faraway land.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25 wife and parents of United States Army National Guard Sergeant Christopher J. Babin.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Expresses condolences upon the death of U.S. Army National Guard Sergeant Christopher J. Babin.